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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the patent application of:)
Jeffrey P. Watry et al.)
Title: Starting Block With Pedal Markings) Art Unit 3764
Serial No. 10/764,255) Examiner: Jerome W. Donnelly
Filed January 23, 2004)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2005, please amend the application as shown on the attached marked version of entire set of claims showing the current status and changes made.

REMARKS REGARDING THE AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the markings indicate distance in metric units or English units. The basis for this amendment is page 5, lines 5 to 9, of the specification.

Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claim 4 has been amended by changing its dependency from claim 3 to claim 2.

REMARKS REGARDING THE SECTION 103 REJECTION

Claims 1 to 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Newton, Jr., U.S. Patent No. 4,089,519. Claim 5 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner stated that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening